

Andrew Jackson to Robert Butler, September 5, 1816, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO COLONEL ROBERT BUTLER.

Chickasaw Agency, September 5, 1816.

Sir. By Major Thos. L. Butler, I wrote you inclosing a letter to Genl Coffee, requesting cer[tain] papers to be forwarded, If the papers requested is not already forwarded, you must by express to Genl Coffee, have them, and forwarded them by the earliest opportunity. The council begins this day, and we must have them as early as possible, These papers we find will be of the utmost importance, They creek chiefs not being here—we must have them in a few days. If all influence but the native Indian was out of the way, we would have but little trouble. But a letter from the Secretary of war to the agent, which had been recd and read to the nation in council before our arival, has done much mischief, to counteract this will give us much trouble, and makes the possession of these papers promised by Genl Coffee of the utmost importanc[e]. Mr. Bell etc is now here, I delivered your message to him, he says he will comply with it. Tell Major Eaton I have recd. his letter will answer it in due time But my whole time and thoughts are occupied, in finding out the wilds, of the deceiptfull, and to obtain if Possible the object in view, and finally disappoint the *would be President*.¹

1 The treaty with the Cherokees made by Jackson, Meriwether, and Franklin at the Chickasaw Council House Sept. 14, 1816, is in *Am. St. Papers, Indian Affairs*, II. 92. The secretary's instructions to the commissioners and other correspondence relating to

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this negotiation are *ibid.*, pp. 100–123. The same commissioners made a treaty with the Chickasaws. See *ibid.*, pp. 92 and 104–123.